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THE AMERICAN WATCH INDUSTRY

And Its Future Prospects

Out of the maelstrom of chaotic events through which we are passing will come many significant changes. We cannot be guided by past experiences, nor can we look upon established policies and practices as being either fixed or static.

No American watch manufacturer can pick up after the war, and start where he left off. The best he can do is to interpret the meaning of events as he sees them from day to day, and anticipate the effect which may be felt upon our own business.

The American Watch Industry is probably beset with more perplexing questions than face any other branch of domestic business. One of the basic and most important of these questions is: What are the prospects for a sustained and uninterrupted period of business activity after the war, and to what extent will the watch industry participate? That is, what relative position will the watch and jewelry industry occupy in the post-war period?

It appears more than doubtful that the termination of the European phase of the war will promptly usher in an era of enormous business activity, uniformly shared by all industries. Peace will not come overnight, and the shift back to peace-time production will not be uniform.

All industries have not been affected in the same manner nor to the same extent by conversion to war work; the manufacturing units within each industry have not been uniformly affected. Some entire industries have been assigned war production jobs which call for the same skills, equipment, raw materials and manufacturing methods as in peacetime; others, like the Hamilton Watch Company, have been designated to produce products highly essential to the Nation's armed services, but which offer no peace-time sales potentials.

Certain manufacturers were forced to alter their factories and manufacturing operations to a very great extent, and will not be able to reconvert to normal production as quickly as those who did not find it necessary to scrap or dismantle their tools and equipment.

As war requirements taper off, more and more manufacturing capacity will become available for peace-time production. Who shall be given the head start? The manufacturer who did the biggest war job and made the most important contribution to the war effort at the expense of his regularly established market? Or the manufacturer whose war assignments required the least amount of disruption to regular peace-time business? Will the manufacturer whose plant requires the least amount of reconversion be permitted to swing into normal production ahead of the competitor who took on a tougher job?

For example, the automobile industry faces practically a 100% reconversion job. The machine tool industry, which has made a tre-

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TIME EXHIBIT SUPPLIED BY ADVERTISING DEPT.

Our company has sponsored an exhibit in the lobby of the Fels Planetarium, Philadelphia, Penna., augmenting their July demonstration entitled "What Time Is It?" The planetarium demonstration and lecture will reduce the complex problems of time determination and time keeping to the simplest and most interesting essentials. Our exhibit supplies a splendid historical background, for it includes examples of such ancient methods of telling time as the time candle of King Alfred the Great, England's first time-conscious king; the sun dial, originating in Egyptian temples; the clepsydra or water clock which timed the orations of Roman senators; and the burning wick dipped in oil.

For those who will be in Philadelphia before August 1 it will be well worth while to attend the Fels Planetarium demonstration, "What Time Is It?" at the Franklin Institute, Benjamin Franklin Parkway at 20th Street. Demonstrations are scheduled daily at 3:00 and 8:30 p. m., with extra demonstrations Saturdays at 11:00 a. m., Sundays and holidays at 4:00 p. m. Admission is 25c plus 5c tax.

A World Time Table, by which relatives and friends can tell at a glance what time it is for their boys on the fighting fronts, will be given to visitors attending each demonstration. It is printed on a varnished card to insure a maximum of durability and seaworthiness. It will not only answer the question "What Time Is It?" for those at home but copies can be sent overseas.

The World Time Tables were designed at the Fels Planetarium and are being distributed through the courtesy of our company. Each and every card has a message printed on the back which explains the prominent position that Hamilton occupies in our time-conscious world.

STEAM PLANT CAPACITY TO BE INCREASED

According to a recent survey, the Hamilton Watch Company has increased its floor space since 1920, through the erection and installation of new buildings and equipment, by 165%. During the same period we have increased our boiler room (steam) capacity by only 53%. This obviously has caused the boiler house to run at peak capacity most of the time. This fact, together with the limited space available for coal storage, has greatly increased the possibility of a shut-down due to prolonged bad weather, railroad strikes and delays, or inability to get repair parts in case of a breakdown of present equipment.

Consequently, work has been started to replace some of our old Boiler House equipment and install additional machinery to modernize our power plant.

Two 24 year old boilers of 125 H.P. each will be replaced by one larger Babcock and Wilcox boiler of 372 H.P. Babcock and Wilcox

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HAMILTON ARMY-NAVY "E" AWARD RENEWED SECOND TIME ON JULY 25



The star is ours! President Kendig and the four Hamilton employees who participated in the Army-Navy "E" program pose proudly with the new flag. (Left to right) Mr. Kendig, Elvin M. Andrews, Production Clerical, Mrs. Myrtle Herr, Time Fuze Department, Charles W. Mummert, Timing and Casing Department and Gladys M. Eshleman, Escape Department. Miss Eshleman accepted the token award pins on behalf of the five hundred new employees present.

525 New Employees Are Awarded Pins In Colorful Ceremony

Lieut. Harold D. Cohen, USNR, Made Official Flag Presentation

High above Hamilton proudly floats an old flag. But something new has been added.

A white star. The flag is the Army-Navy "E" which has been ours since June 16, 1943 . . . the new star indicates that for the second six months period Hamilton's continued excellence of production has justified a renewal of the award which has even now been given to only a very small percentage of firms engaged in war production.

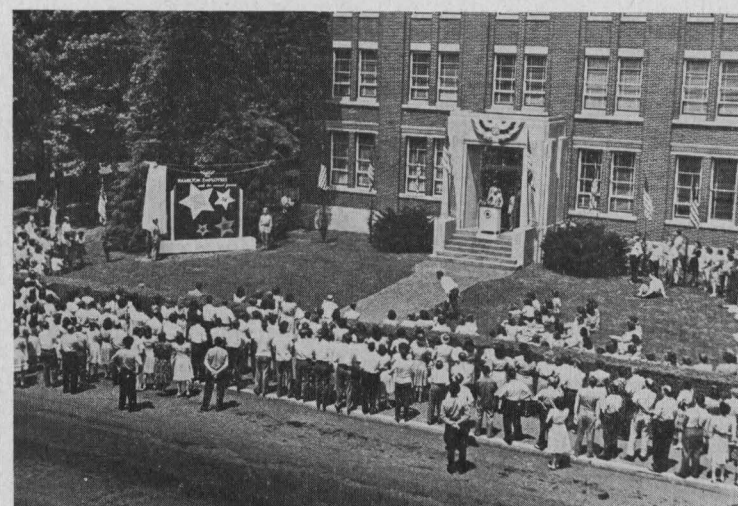
Hamilton is the only American timepiece manufacturer with two stars in its flag and the only one which has received the award for the production of precision timepieces.

In a letter to President Kendig notifying him of this honor Admiral C. C. Bloch (Ret), Chairman of the Navy Board for Production Awards said, "The men and women of your plant have continued to maintain the high standards they set for themselves when they were originally awarded the Army-Navy "E." They may well be proud of their achievement."

The ceremony was held Tuesday afternoon, July 25, in a shaded area of Hamilton's front lawn between the Office Building and the West Walk, on a colorfully decorated stand specially installed for the occasion. The Navy was represented by Lieut. Harold D. Cohen, USNR, who made the official presentation during which he stressed the importance of Hamilton's war timepieces and expressed the Navy's appreciation for an outstanding production job. The flag was accepted by Mr. Kendig after which token awards were pinned on four Hamilton employees—Miss Gladys M. Eshleman, Mrs. Myrtle I. Herr, Elvin L. Andrews and Charles W. Mummert by a wounded veteran, Seaman 1st Class Charles Reicher, of Philadelphia. The pins were accepted on behalf of the new employees by Miss Eshleman. Mr. Robert A. Preston, Director of Personnel, acted as master of ceremonies for the presentation.

By special request of the Navy the ceremony was brief and participation limited to new employees only in order that production of war timepieces would not be sacrificed.

NEW HONOR ROLL DEDICATED



Before a large and enthusiastic group of Hamilton employees, together with numerous friends, guests and relatives of Hamilton men and women in the Armed Forces the new plaque raised in their honor was dedicated at noon on Tuesday, July 25. In making the dedicatory address President Calvin M. Kendig compared our present list of 519 in the Service with our Honor Roll at the end of the first World War which included only 61 names. "This best illustrates," he said, "how our company has grown in size and importance during the last twenty-five years."

Mr. to our

who made the supreme sacrifice, stating "These revered dead of ours have passed along a torch to all of us. Let us not clutch it lightly lest they not rest in Peace."

A prayer was led by H. M. J. Klein of Franklin and Marshall College, after which the plaque was unveiled and accepted by those in the Service by Corporal Charles Fisher who was one of the first Hamilton employees to join the Services and who took part in many of the first great battles in the South Pacific area. Pvt. Harry Afflebach, who just completed his basic training at Camp Stewart, Ga., also participated in the ceremony.



The Hamilton Watch Company Employee Newspaper

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The American Watch Industry

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mendous industrial contribution to the war, will not have a reconversion problem but does face a saturated market. The textile industry probably will have neither of these problems, for its equipment is as readily adaptable to military as to civilian requirements.

Examining the American Watch Industry as a part of the domestic economy, we find that it is certainly in the most unique, and probably in the most unenviable position of any industry in the United States. Its manufacturing facilities were drafted 100% for war production, and a most substantial contribution has been and is being made to the war effort. It has been barred from its regular market while its most formidable competitors, the importers of Swiss watches, have been given a 100% monopoly of its market with an unprecedented opportunity to exploit and to become firmly entrenched in the most lucrative watch market in the world.

The competitive problem posed by the importation of foreign watches is by no means a new one for the American industry. For more than a generation manufacturers of American timepieces have striven to meet and overcome the competitive handicap it presents. American production methods have been constantly improved and made more efficient; distribution policies have been devised to secure the support of the trade and the buying public. An organized effort by domestic watch producers has for years sought to clarify the true facts of the situation to those Government agencies and officials responsible for the creation of U. S. tariff policies and international trade agreements. But the situation today adds new dangers to the constant threat of complete extinction through unrestricted Swiss competition.

Consider these figures:

During 1930 to 1936, when the 1930 Tariff Act rates were in effect, the American Jeweled Watch Industry supplied 52% of the domestic market.

The United States made a reciprocal trade agreement with Switzerland, effective in 1936, which reduced watch importation duties by an average of 34%. The American manufacturers' share of the market dropped to 39.6% that year, and had fallen to 31.2% by 1941.

There were 4,408,000 watches imported into the United States in 1941. This increased to 5,691,000 in 1942, and reached a total of 7,996,000 in 1943. The indications are that the 1944 importation figures will be even higher. Weigh these figures

against the fact that the largest year prior to the war was in 1927 when 3,400,000 watches came into this country.

In the automobile industry, in the radio industry, in the entire field of electric appliances, and, in fact, every other industry of consequence in this country, there has accumulated a tremendous back-log of potential sales volume while the manufacturer has been deprived of his normal peacetime market. Quite the contrary is true in the watch industry. The demand for watches has been satisfied to a very substantial extent, as the increased importations of foreign watches indicate, and the American Watch industry cannot expect to get its proportionate share of postwar buying power during the period of accelerated business activity which may develop after reconversion is completed.

The government has unquestioned right to demand that industry completely convert to war production, and to forbid the manufacture of goods not essential to waging war. There is no questioning the obligation of industry to sacrifice its normal markets and to disrupt its distribution organization when the nation is engaged in an "all out" war. The position in which the American Watch Industry finds itself, however, is without parallel in American industrial history. American watch makers feel that they have been unjustly militated against, and that the future value of the industry to the nation is seriously threatened.

The importance of a strong and capable watch industry in America was never so evident as it was when the export of chronometers, chronographs, jewel bearings and hair-springs was suddenly curtailed by Axis dominated sources of supply. This was and is a mechanized war, a war of transport, yet no ship could move, no plane could fly accurately without the aid of precision timepieces for navigation. The success of tremendous military operations on far flung battle fronts, the maintenance of round the world supply lines, the coordination of land, sea and air forces all depend upon the most precise timing. The armed forces simply had to have these precise timepieces and nowhere save in the watch factories of America could they be secured.

Our industry, although comparatively small, is an absolutely essential unit in the nation's wartime economy. The need to expand and strengthen it should be obvious. The technique of waging war daily becomes more involved, more highly mechanical. The need for more complicated precision instruments, for new and different timekeeping equipment will increase.

The watch industry's comparatively limited engineering, research and tooling facilities should be considerably expanded to meet these critical requirements. That cannot be done unless the watch industry in this country can operate in time of peace on a profitable basis, and enjoy its fair share of the American market.

There are many serious problems standing in the way of the healthy commercial growth in the post-war era, which will be necessary to provide a strong and completely self-sufficient domestic watch industry in the event of war.

Protection against unequitable foreign competition must be provided. This involves such complicated problems as the differentials in the cost of American and foreign labor. The problem of an international currency standard must be met and solved, for tariff legislation can be defeated without it as was shown by Switzerland's devaluation of the franc in 1936 which partially wiped out the protection afforded by the tariff act. The struggle to regain its position in the American watch market after the war may also so weaken the American industry financially that its growth and expansion would be slowed up by years.

All of this is just a high-spot survey of some of the problems confronting the industry with which you are associated. The future is by no means all black—there are also favorable factors in the future of the American watch industry, and we shall cover some of them in subsequent issues of *Timely Topics*.

One thing we must keep in mind is that the solution to our problems is going to be found right under our own roof. Our future success depends upon the ingenuity, resourcefulness and competence of the men and women who design, make and sell Hamilton watches.

ON BUYING WAR BONDS

There are three main reasons given by our government officials for buying war bonds. The first one is to provide the money to pay for the expense of the war. The second one is to decrease the possibility of inflation and the third one is to create for the buyer a nest egg of savings for the future.

All of these causes are worthy. When you buy bonds, see to it that your buying contributes to at least

one of these results, better if it helps to obtain more than one of the results. Sometimes a person is inclined to buy a bond when his buying does not contribute to any one of these results, in fact proves a hindrance.

Now the possibility of buying a bond being a detriment to our economic well-being, probably is new to some of us. A person who had his savings invested to advantage should not necessarily transfer his investment to war bonds. He is not warding off the possibility of inflation, because inflation could be caused by him only by spending that money for goods and that was not his alternative to buying bonds. In these days most savings institutions have their surplus money in war bonds themselves.

Of course, if your savings are not invested, then your purchase would help to pay the expense of the war, but not likely otherwise. What the government wants is that bonds be bought out of current savings. That helps all three purposes.

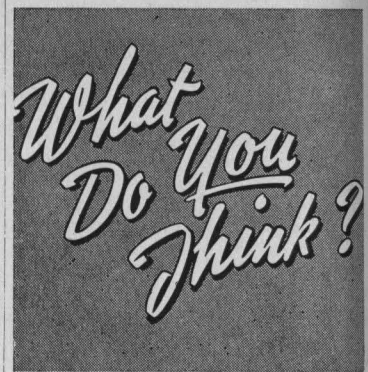
Bonds bought now out of current savings but cashed within a few months are not helping the war effort. The cashing in of the bonds has cancelled out all the good results of the buying of them and cost the government quite a bit of expense.

Bond buying should be a long-time investment.

Remember also buying bonds does not go well with not paying your bills or debts. If you used the money spent for bonds in paying your debts, then your creditor could use the money for bonds. And you have just as assuredly created a savings for the future. When you create a debt to buy a bond, you are just a little worse off than you were previously. On the contrary, if you use your savings to pay off a debt instead of buying a bond, your credit is better, your savings are a little more, and your creditor is better fixed, and the whole economy of the country is a mite better. Of course, this whole reasoning is off, if you never intend to pay the debt.

So buy bonds, but use your head in so doing. Pressure and emotionalism are not good guides as to how much you should buy.

On June 23 Esther Witmer of Material Sales Department had the surprise of her life. Esther drew a thousand aces in the daily noon-day pinochle session.



The opinions and views of Hamilton employees picked at random throughout the factory by our roving reporter and cameraman are printed in this column as a regular feature of *Timely Topics*. This month the subject chosen deals with a postwar problem of general interest to one and all of us. The question that was asked this month was—"Do you think that America should furnish troops for an international police force after the war?"

MISS JUNE TOMLINSON
Specialties Assembly

"I think America's participation in an international police force after the war would be a good thing, even if we are part of the Western Hemisphere, because the outbreak of future world wars would be curbed by such a force."



MR. MELVIN HOOVER
Fuze Manufacturing

"Personally, I think our participation in an international police force will be our only solution to safeguarding our hemisphere in the future."



MRS. BEATRICE SHARPE
Time Fuze Assembly

"Such participation will be for our benefit, so I think America should be a party to a postwar international police force. It will prevent a lot of future bloodshed and will definitely help preserve peace."

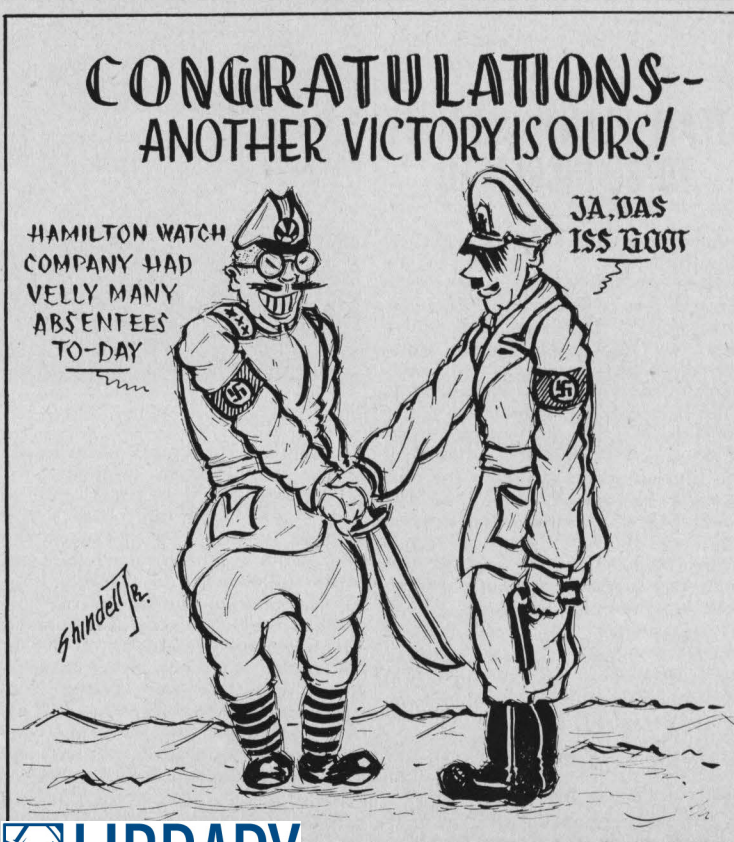


MR. HORACE SMITH
Timing and Casing

"I think that we should furnish troops for an international police force after the war. Such a force will help restore law and order and will go a long way in helping to preserve peace in the future."

MRS. ROSINA MCKINNEY
Chronometer Assembly

"Yes, I do think we should furnish troops for an international police. Perhaps our participation will help prevent another war."



Congratulations

Nuptials

Miss Beatrice Hazel Wilkie, daughter of Mrs. Mont Thomas Wilkie, of Moncure, N. C., was married to George Gast Stradtman of the Watch Research division, son of Mr. and Mrs. W. F. Stradtman of this city, on Friday afternoon, June 23, in the parsonage of St. Paul's Reformed and Evangelical Church. The Rev. T. A. Alspach officiated. Until recently Mrs. Stradtman taught at Mount Pleasant School, Bailey, N. C. The Stradtmans are residing at 27 Grandview, Bausman.



Edith Mary Snyder, Production Control Department, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Frank S. Snyder, Millersville, and Wilbur S. Glick, son of Mr. and Mrs. John G. Glick, Millersville, were married in St. Paul's Lutheran Church, Millersville. The Reverend I. Newton Seldomridge officiated using the double ring ceremony. Miss Eva Snyder, twin sister of the bride, served as maid-of-honor. James Herr, cousin of the bridegroom, was the best man and the ushers were Stanley Charles and Richard Hildabrand. Abram Longenderfer of the Flat Steel Department was the soloist and Harold Siegler played traditional wedding music. A reception was held at the home of the bride's parents following the ceremony. The bride and bridegroom will reside near Millersville.

Cpl. Earl Birk Rettew, formerly of the Plate Dept., son of Mr. and Mrs. Ellis Rettew, of Lancaster, R 1, became the husband of Miss Evelyn Marie Miller, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Wallace A. Miller, of Landisville, on Wednesday morning, June 7, at 10 o'clock at the home of the bride. The Rev. Charles Naugle, of Concordia Lutheran Church, Chestnut Hill, used the double ring ceremony while officiating. A reception followed the ceremony after which the couple left on a wedding trip. Upon returning the bridegroom returned to Camp Rucker. The bride is presently living with her parents.

June was the month that saw Miss Bebe Virginia Diehm, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Ralph F. Diehm, of the Lititz Pike, become the bride of Russell Weidman, son of Mr. and Mrs. Jacob Weidman, of the Harrisburg Pike. Both bride and bridegroom are members of our Automatic Dept. The Rev. Ernest J. Hoh officiated at the double ring ceremony which was held at Emanuel Lutheran Church. The bride who was given in marriage by her father wore a white marquisette gown with a sweetheart neckline bordered in seed pearls. The long fitted sleeves tapered at the wrists

while a full skirt ended in a circular train. Bebe's finger-tip length veil was held in place by a tiara of orange blossoms and she carried an arm bouquet of white roses and baby breath. A reception on the lawn at the home of the bride followed the ceremony. The newlyweds will reside along the Marietta Pike.

Miss Viola Mae Getz of the Fuze Manufacturing Dept., daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Aaron Getz, Witmer, and Harold W. Martin, son of Mr. and Mrs. Martin W. Martin, Blue Ball, were married Saturday, June 8, at 4 p. m. in the Lancaster Church of the Brethren. The double ring ceremony was employed by the Rev. Galen Kilhefner who officiated. The bride, given in marriage by her father, wore a white satin gown fitted with a sweetheart neckline. Her full skirt terminated in a short train while her finger-tip veil fell from a Juliet lace cap trimmed with seed pearls. A shower of gardenias and rosebuds reposed in the bride's hands along with a white Bible. A reception was held at the Buchanan Tea Room for the bridal party and immediate families at the conclusion of the ceremony. At the termination of the reception the couple left on a wedding trip. For traveling Viola chose a pale pink gabardine suit, with white accessories, and matching gardenias.

The marriage of Miss Erma Mae Vernau of the Train Dept., daughter of Mr. and Mrs. George Vernau, 446 Manor St., took place June 21 at 6 p. m. in the First Evangelical and Reformed Church. Pvt. Richard Wilson, 1013 Lititz Ave., son of the late Mr. and Mrs. James C. Wilson, was the lucky fellow. The Rev. William H. Bollman, D.D., officiated. The bride was given in marriage by her father and was attended by Mrs. Jean Afflebach who was matron-of-honor. Mr. Wilson is a graduate of Franklin and Marshall College and is stationed at Fort George G. Meade, Maryland.

The wedding of Ann Doll formerly of the Train Department, Sp. (I) 3-c, of the WAVES, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Ernest Doll, 546 Lake St., and George A. DeLong, Spring Valley, Wis., took place at St. Luke's Evangelical and Reformed Church Sunday, July 9 at 2 p. m. The double ring ceremony was used by the Rev. John F. Frantz who officiated. Ann was given in marriage by her father, and was attired in a chic white summer uniform. Ernest Doll, Jr., SF 2-c, served as best man and the ushers were Robert Harner and Clarence Herr. Mrs. Victor Olsen gave an organ recital. The soloist was the bride's brother John. Mr. DeLong is a Junior Engineer in the USMS.

June, the month of brides, saw Miss Miriam C. Yohn of the Fuze Assembly Department united in marriage with Cpl. Richard E. Bargo. The ceremony took place in the Presbyterian Chapel, Bel Air, Maryland, with the Rev. E. Glenn Switzer performing the ceremony. Miriam is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Alexander Yohn, of 206 Prince St., Millersville, Penna. Cpl. Bargo, son of Mr. and Mrs. Merle Bargo, of Port Royal R. 1, is stationed at Fort Leonard Wood, Missouri.

David Aungst (Service Dept.) and Winnifred R. Parker (Fuze Assembly) were wed June 3, in Lancaster.

On June 10, the fellows of the Service Department held a party at Bausman for "Dave." About 19 attended; games were played and refreshments served.

Engagements

George Brinton Searles, Jr., formerly of Methods Engineering Dept. now an Ensign in the USNR

became engaged recently to Dorothy Pauline Hess an Ensign in the WAVES. George hails from Belvidere, New Jersey, while his fiancée is a native Lancastrian. He attended the Belvidere and Nazareth Public Schools and graduated from Lafayette College in 1941. At Lafayette, George was a member of the varsity basketball team and is a member of the Phi Gamma Delta Fraternity. Our former Methods engineer is now stationed in the Pacific area.

Mr. and Mrs. Roy Gochenaur, of Millersville, recently announced the engagement of their daughter, Hazel Margaret to Donald D. Shipley, a member of our Metallurgical Research Laboratory, who is the son of Mr. and Mrs. O. D. Shipley, of E. King Street.

The engagement of Miss Marie E. Stauffer, a member of our Jewel Setting Dept., to Cpl. Frank M. Johns, son of Mr. and Mrs. David H. Johns, Elizabethtown R 1, was announced last month by Mr. and Mrs. Ira K. Stauffer of Creswell. Cpl. Johns is serving in the Canal Zone.

One of the Time Fuze Mfg. Department's Columbia (Pa.) citizens, Miss Barbara Depew, became engaged during the month of June to another citizen of Lancaster county's second largest metropolis, Jay H. Harry.

Mr. and Mrs. James S. Frank of this city announce the engagement of their daughter Marjorie, a member of our Escape Department, to Joseph F. Consylian. The wedding will take place in the near future.

Heir Box

Six pounds-eight ounces of baby girl swelled the ranks of the Clarence Rice family at 12:27 p. m. on June 14. Clarence, a member of our Mechanical Planning Section, reports that daughter Shirley Ann is gaining weight quite rapidly.

Mr. and Mrs. Furman McGuire became the proud parents of a baby girl, Cathline, on July 12, 1944. Mr. McGuire is in our Service Dept.

Jim Blankmeyer, Advertising, and Mrs. Blankmeyer are the parents of a baby girl, Julia Ann, born at Ephrata Community Hospital, on June 9.

LET'S "LICK" INFLATION

Officials of the United States Grazing Service unearthed a Hangtown, California, cafe menu printed in 1850 which emphatically proves that our so-called "high cost of living" today could very easily become disastrous.

The following are interesting excerpts from the Hangtown cafe's menu:

Hash (low grade)	\$.75 a dish
Hash (18k)	1.00 a dish
Beef (wild steer)	1.00
Beef (tame from	
Arkansas)	1.50
Jack Rabbit (whole) ..	1.50
Roast or fried Grizzly ..	1.00
Bean or Ox Tail Soup ..	1.00
Rice Pudding (plain) ..	1.00
Rice Pudding	
(with cream)	1.50

As an inducement to the starving gold rushers the cafe also offered this tempter: "Square meal with dessert—\$3.00. Payable in advance. For your convenience gold scales are at the end of the counter."

DIPLOMACY IS TO DO AND SAY



TIMELY TOPICS REPRESENTATIVES

(Others will be interviewed in future issues)

These little biographical sketches are included in each issue to enable you to get to know your representatives. These are the people who are eager to receive your news items.

DR. HORACE WINCHELL

Crystallography Laboratory

Horace has been in our midst for three years and is a member of the Editorial Board of Timely Topics. When it comes to outdoor sports, he is an avid hiking and bicycling enthusiast. Horace has studied extensively in the fields of geology and mineralogy and, when hiking or biking, he is interested in a bit more than just the scenery and sunshine. A rock and mineral collection of unusual interest and extensive proportions is in his possession. Horace is also a Victory Gardener, a Ford V-8 admirer and a booster for the Territory of Hawaii where he resided for two years.



MR. PAUL SEIBEL

Production Department



Paul is a Fifteen Year Honor Roll member of the Hamilton family. A Sales Department member of invaluable capabilities, he is presently loaned to the Production Department for the duration of the war. By trade, he is jeweler, diamond setter, and engraver, having traveled in the capacity of jewelry salesman for seven years throughout Central and South America. For ten years, Paul was "on the road" for jewelry firms in the United States—five of them for Hamilton. His favorite pastime is reading although he does play golf occasionally and hopes to live long enough to break a hundred. When reading he prefers tales of the wilds of South American tropics and is not interested in the so-called highly civilized sections of the world.

Steam Plant Capacity To Be Increased

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will set the new boiler and furnace, but the plumbing and steam fitting work will be under the supervision of the George H. Soffel Co. of Pittsburgh.

Other new equipment will include a new Elliott feedwater heater, a Permutit Zeolite water softener unit, and two new Worthington pumps to replace the present smaller ones.

The boilers will be fired by Westinghouse automatic stokers, the coal being conveyed to the furnace by a screw conveyor from bunkers to overhead hoppers and thence into the furnaces. When, as is now planned, two large coal storage silos have been erected adjacent to the boiler house, the coal will be conveyed automatically direct from them to the furnaces.

The ashes will be removed by automatic conveyers to an ash pit where they can be loaded into trucks and hauled away.

Shoppers like the new ration token system. Would you call that disk-content?

MEMORIAL PROGRAMS TO BE HELD

Memorial programs will be held in the cafeteria when notice is received that a service man or woman of the Hamilton family has given his or her life for the cause of the four freedoms. The first memorial service was held during the noon hour of July 4 in memory of Charles Larry Abel. Mr. Kendig delivered an address at that time which follows.

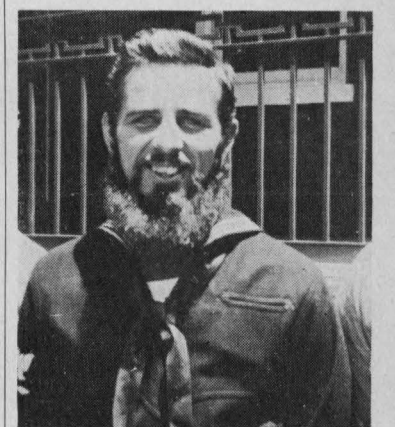
Fellow Employees:

"I regret to announce the death of Charles L. Abel in the invasion of France. Charles was a member of the Hamilton family in the Plate Department.

"We have conveyed to the father and mother the sympathy of our employee group, and have sent to them a shield and flag as an appropriate memento of this sad occasion and of our high regard for their boy.

"On an occasion of this kind we are thinking of the ones who have paid the supreme sacrifices, as well as our other boys and girls on the fighting fronts, that they shall have the courage and faith to carry on their respective duties, and that you and I will renew our devotion to our task on the home front."

TURTON RETURNS



Torpedoman 3-c James Turton, formerly of the Plate Department, spent some time at his home here recently after serving eight months on the South Pacific aboard a destroyer of the Phantom Fleet. According to Jim he raised the beard to help while away the time in the South Pacific islands between stiff naval actions. Since the picture was taken he has shaved off the bushy growth due to the fact that his girlfriends didn't appreciate its beauty entirely.

Jim enlisted in the Navy in September 1942, and received his boot training at the Great Lakes Naval Training Station, Chicago, Ill., where he also attended torpedo school. He was located in the Atlantic theater of war for some time, and later transferred to the Pacific. The attack on Truk was the bitterest naval engagement in which Jim participated.

Our former member of the Plate Department is now attending school in San Diego at a ship repair base and has high hopes of being permanently stationed along the Atlantic Coast in the very near future.



AIR ACE JOHNSON REWARDED



Major Robert Johnson is being presented with a gold Hamilton watch . . . a gift of the citizens of Lawton, Okla., his hometown. The man making the presentation is J. D. Shoemaker, Principal of Lawton Junior High School. Behind Major Johnson from left to right: Major Johnson's father, L. B. Johnson; Col. Galliher, directly behind L. B. Johnson; an unidentified medical officer; Barbara Johnson, the Major's wife.

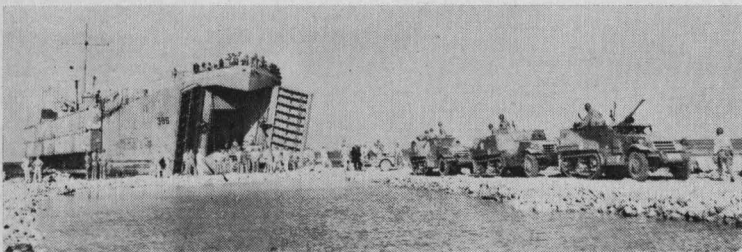
An eagle eye and cool judgment brought fame and world-wide praise, as well as a solid gold waterproof Hamilton to Major Robert Johnson.

The ceremony which was attended by hundreds of cheering Oklahomans took place on a specially built platform in front of the Lawton Junior High School last month. J. D. Shoemaker, Principal of the school made the presentation on behalf of the citizens of Lawton.

Major Johnson has knocked out twenty-seven planes to date, one more than was downed by Captain

Eddie Rickenbacker in World War I. The list of Allied Air Aces as of July 1 placed Major Robert Johnson in fourth position. The leader then was Commander J. E. Johnson, an Englishman, credited with shooting down thirty-five enemy ships. Captain Don S. Gentile, who was also presented with a Hamilton watch recently, was in second place position with thirty enemy planes destroyed. Lieut. Col. Francis Gabreski from Oil City, Penna., was third having downed twenty-eight.

ARRIVAL TIMED BY HAMILTON



Official U. S. Navy Photograph

Ready for action, thanks to Hamilton, America's proud new name in navigation. One each of our Marine Chronometers, mounted Chronometer watches and Chronometer watches are on board most of the vitally important vessels in the U. S. Invasion fleet.

UNCLE SAM CALLS "CHET" CRAMER



The Metallurgical Research Laboratory gathered around a festive board at a local restaurant in honor of their departing photographer, Chester Cramer. Chet, who was also a Timely Topics staff photographer, is sitting at the extreme right end of the table sporting an advanced G. I. haircut.

Chester A. Cramer, the photographer of the Metallurgical Research Laboratory, was the guest of honor at a farewell dinner on July 23, arranged by his friends and fellow employees. In the absence of his supervisor, Mr. Ed Shubrooks, Mr. C. Allison presented Chet with several gifts from his many Hamilton friends as a token of their good will and best wishes. Since his hobbies

were photography and hunting, we sincerely hope Uncle Sam will find good use for his talents.

The following guests were present to honor Chet:

C. Cramer, H. Swarr, R. French, R. Henry, C. Dimitris, W. Feller, R. Plank, C. Allison, M. Freeman, M. Chelosky, J. Whitmyer, L. Heller, R. Gaul, R. Haus.

THE MORNING MAIL

Mr. B. E. Killian
Hamilton Watch Company
Lancaster, Pa.

Dear Mr. Killian:

As per our telephone conversation, I am forwarding to your attention a Hamilton watch which belongs to my son.

The watch has been in the hands of two or three dealers in regards to the condition of the face, and they claim that there is nothing they can do about it at the present. As far as I know, there is nothing mechanically wrong, however, I would appreciate a complete check-up on it while it is at your plant.

You may be interested to know that the watch has been subjected to climatic conditions in the Hawaii, Fiji, and Samoa Islands, New Guinea, New Zealand, Guadalcanal, and Australia. It has been used in temperatures ranging from 120° to 40° below zero without giving any trouble. In addition it has withstood all the grief and vibration that a timepiece could take being on the wrist of a fighter pilot of a P-38 Lightning.

Eclipse Machine Division
Bendix Aviation Corporation
C. D. Thomas

Do You Know

(Answers on page 6)

1. A 16-size Hamilton watch keeping perfect time at sea level when taken 16,000 feet above sea level will gain approximately 8 seconds per day due to
 - (a) the blowing of the wind
 - (b) the change in barometric pressure
 - (c) the stars being nearer.
2. How many ships will we have in our Merchant Marine at the end of the war?
 - (a) 1000
 - (b) 2000
 - (c) 3500
3. If the Hamilton Watch Company were housed in a single one story building, the building would measure 51 1/4 feet wide and 1 mile long. (True or False?)
4. The average age of the members of the Roosevelt Cabinet is over sixty. (True or False?)
5. Since 1920 the floor space here at our main plant has increased
 - (a) 65%
 - (b) 165%
 - (c) 265%
6. Walruses keep harems. (True or False?)
7. When the temperature averages 23 degrees outdoors, how many tons of coal are needed to supply heat and steam for our entire factory for one day?

Harry W. Reidenbach (formerly of our Time Fuze Assembly Department), twenty-four, son of Mr. and Mrs. Roy E. Reidenbach, 226 W. Strawberry Street, was just promoted to Torpedoman 1-c. Harry, who has been in the South Pacific for some time, has two brothers in the service. Pfc. Roy E. Reidenbach is with the Marines in the South Pacific while Pfc. Kenneth G. Reidenbach is somewhere in the European theater of war. The father of these three fighting brothers is a member of our Auxiliary Police Unit, and is himself a veteran of the last war.

ONE, TWO—
PLANT A SEED;
THREE, FOUR—



MARAUDER MAINTAINERS



Kneeling at far left is T-Sgt. Steven C. Thatcher formerly a member of our Watch School, with fellow members of a Ninth Air Force ground crew. The plane is a well weathered Marauder that has amassed a sizable number of flying hours over Fortress Europe.

T-Sgt. Steven C. Thatcher, son of Mr. and Mrs. Herbert Thatcher, 724 Third Street, Lancaster and at one time a member of our Watch School is now an instrument specialist with the Ninth Air Force based in England. Steve and the rest of the pictured ground crew are all over six feet in height . . . true gargantuas. Their ability to reach "out and beyond" has stood them in good stead many times while keeping their Marauders in the pink of condition mechanically.

In March 1942 Steve entered the

Army and was assigned to the Army Air Forces Technical Training Command School at Keesler Field, Miss., where he studied Aviation Mechanics. He graduated in August 1942 and early that year left for England and the Ninth Air Force.

The wife of instrument specialist Thatcher was the former Ellen Bennett who at one time was a member of our Specialties Assembly Dept. Bill Bennett, head of our Watch Research Laboratory, is a brother-in-law of Steve's.

FISHERMEN FROLIC



The week-end of June 17 will long be remembered by Al Kleiner (Balance Staff), Paul Mentzer (Service), Leslie Blake (Specialties Manufacturing), Abie Burkhardt (Service), Ernie Mester (Train), Clarence Mathiot (Service Office), Ed Hendrix (Production Control), and Harold Herr (Service Office). And why will that particular week-end be remembered by the above named group? Why, particularly because the blue-green bosom of the Chesapeake at Deal's Island was very calm, the fish were biting and a thunderstorm disintegrated. In fact, everything clicked as smooth as silk.

Captain Reed Mister, a veteran navigator who knows the habitat of each and every specimen of fish living along the sunny, wind-swept fishing banks of the Chesapeake, aided the group in landing over two hundred finny denizens of the deep.

Al Kleiner was the fisherman supreme but 'twas rumored that the fish were probably astounded by the mighty heaves and the resulting thuds of Al's lead as it floated through the air and knifed the water. All this surface activity apparently aroused their fishy curiosity so occasionally one of them got hooked.

THEY SAY THAT LIFE
IS WHAT YOU MAKE IT.
BUT MUCH DEPENDS
ON HOW YOU TAKE IT.

Pete Baergan of the Flat Steel Department is manager of the Christiana Rangers Baseball Club this season.

Gerald Schuld of the Flat Steel Department saved the life of a young lady in the Elizabethtown swimming pool. Gerald is now entitled to the rating of Life Saver First Class.

A dog is loved
By old and young;
He wags his tail
And not his tongue.

HOSPITAL INSURANCE PLAN STILL OPEN

Inter-County Hospitalization Plan, Inc., memberships will be available to new subscribers until August 1, 1944, and will not be obtainable after that date until November 1, 1944.

368 Hamilton employees have subscribed to this plan since October 1, who, together with their dependents, make a total of 770 people covered by this insurance plan. Since that time \$1653.40 has been paid to Hamilton employees submitting claims.

This insurance plan takes care of hospital bills of yourself and your dependents and includes provision for all charges except the doctor's fee.

If you are interested in becoming a subscriber you can secure an application either through the Personnel Department or the Credit Union.

ULMER CHECKS OVER INVASION AIRCRAFT



Cpl. Phares Ulmer, Jr., a former member of our Inspection Department is now one of the Ninth Air Force's crack aircraft mechanics. In July, 1942, his services were first recruited for the servicing of aircraft. Phares, a resident of Lampeter, Penna., sailed for "over there" late in 1943.

With the so-called impregnable west wall shattered by the Allies' lightning invasion of France, operations at the Ninth Air Force Service Command unit of which our former inspector is a member, commanded by Colonel Clyde C. Harris, Jr., has taken on greater significance. At this base in the European theater of operations, the bombers, fighters and troop carriers of the Ninth Air Force are put in fighting trim for renewed assaults against the hard-pressed foe. A highly-co-ordinated team of Yankee craftsmen—mechanics such as Phares, machinists, ordnance men, instrument specialists, warehouse handlers, etc.—have been assembled to keep the giant aerial invasion forces in the skies.

One of the medium bombers which had provided support for the allied invasion blow landed recently at the field where Phares is located with its fuselage punctured by 86 flak holes, and its tail, stabilizers and bomb bay doors badly shot away. To the ordinary layman, the ship would seem to have had its last battle and was obviously destined for the salvage heap. But not to Ulmer and the rest of the crack technicians on hand. Here was a challenge not to be ignored. Phares and other specialists took over, sealed the flak holes, replaced the damaged parts and in a matter of hours the same ship was ready for renewed assaults against the enemy. In addition to its servicing task, this base also supplies the medium bombers and fighters for their all-important job of destroying enemy installations and providing a protective umbrella for allied ground forces battling their way through Germany's iron-ringed defenses.

Welcome New Employees

Here are the names of our new fellow employees and the departments in which they are located who have joined our ranks during the period from June 7 to July 17. On behalf of all Hamiltonians, Timely Topics wishes to extend a hearty welcome to one and all and sincerely trusts that each and every recently welcomed member will find his or her new occupation both interesting and pleasant.

Automatic—Sevia Benn, Jane Buckwalter, Richard Burkholder, Margaret Hampton, Elvin Loechner, Robert C. Myers, Ruth S. Snyder, Mary Steffy.

Balance Staff—Carmella Difilippo, Blanche Glazer, Hiley Howell, Nancy Koelbl, Alden Sell.

Balance & Flat Steel—Venita Arnold, Edith Barley, William H. Boelig, Mary Ann Brubaker, Gloria M. Dickel, Elizabeth Edwards, Marie Gainer, Mary C. Heckel, Donald Kepner, Mary Jane Mooney, Warren Overly, Mary Perot, Dorothy Ranck, Carl Ruth, Anna Sears, Thomas A. Singer, Lloyd M. Weaver.

Cafeteria—Elva Hilton.

Chron. Assembly—Jeanne Biemesderfer.

Damaskeening—Esther Witmer.

Dial—Lois Hoch, R. Stanley Kuhn, Albert Schmitt, Anna Ruth Sheaffer.

Escape—Jane Dommel, Mary Geraci, Attilio Grossi, Ruth Martin, Margaret Miller, Gladys Simmons.

Friction Jewel—Miriam Frey, Geraldine Herr, Betty Jane Lichty, Mary Mohler, Viola Taylor, Ruth E. White.

Fuze Assembly—Ida Mae Baker, Martha Denlinger, Jean Doll, Elizabeth Groschup, Doris Haar, Betty Jean Heisey, Mary Ellen Imboden, Mary Louise Jacoby, H. Arlene Mylin, Hazel H. Pryer, Ruth E. Reese, Mary Sebastian, Thelma Singer, Lois Smith, Vera Sneath, Betty L. Snyder.

Fuze Mfg.—Lillian M. Andrews, Lester Beck, Dorothy Coonan, Cecil Deckman, Grace Derr, Esther K. Elsen, Fred A. Eschbach, Mercy Fetter, Mary Jane Finefrack, George W. Garvin, Helen Louise Gochenour, Mildred Graybeal, Pauline Greer, Doris Groom, Sue Henry, Helen Hildebrand, Emma E. Hoffmaster, Ruth B. King, Jean Kipporn, Helen Knisley, Emmett N. Kurtz, Edward Lander, Ann Landis, Arlene

E. Lichty, Edith M. Messner, Sara Jane Rogers, Hazel Smeltz, Ellen Sourbeer, George Spangler, Mildred Stigelman, Mary E. Weaver, Dawn Wilhide, Marnell Williams, Edna Witherow, Sara Witherow, John Zimmerman.

Fuze Packing—Samuel Crowl, Charlotte Kissinger, Richard Mertz, Albert F. Stumpf, George Trayer.

Gen. Maintenance—Harry Steffy, Clyde Ulrich.

Inspection—Rayonne Good, Helen Herr, Carol Pfeiffer, Marian Smith, Leonard L. Stapf.

Jewel Finish—Florence Fisher, Jean M. Garner, Anna L. Kipporn, Doris Zercher.

Mach. Shop—Lucy Graver, Robert Groff, William Hershey, Walter Hatz, Allen Sweigart, Phares Urban.

Maintenance—Charles Harnish, Milton Hoak.

Material Sales—Ray Hoover.

Metals Research—Allene Thumma.

Model—Suzanne Kane.

Personnel—Mary Brauer.

Personnel School—Evelyn V. Albright, Ethel Benner, Thomas Eby, Hazel Fisher, Geraldine Flora, Miriam Fultz, Shirley Hershey, Jean Hollinger, Harry Pfeiffer, Girvin Sheaffer, Betty Shrenk, Daniel Smith.

Plate—Lorraine Andrews, Thomas W. Canary, Helen Crocker, Bertha Felsing, Bernice Harnish, Helen Herr, Anna Kohler, Rose McMahon, Mae F. Ressler, Benjamin F. Swisher, George Trupe, Mary Uphold, Harry Young.

Production Clerical—Virginia Alexander, Norma Bowers, Joseph Martan.

Service—Ruth Houghton.

Service Office—Dorothy Birrell.

Small Tool—John H. Herr, Wayne L. Hetrich, William Montgomery.

Spec. Assm.—Jean Dietrich, Richard Pfoutz.

Spec. Mfg.—William Hasselbach.

Spring Room—Helen M. Licht.

Tabulating—Grace Alexander.

Timing & Casing—Charles Huss.

Train—Lillian Cavanaugh, Stanford Cox, Catherine Dickel, Bette Hogg, Dorothy McComsey, Norma Paxson, Vincent I. Pierce, Helen Shank, Ruth Walsh.

Watch Design—Kenneth R. Aston, John L. Hodgson.

Watch Research—Harriet Groff, Ellis Keene, Robert Spohn.

Works Lab.—Mary Jane Arnold, Peggy Harnes.

Charles N. Basehoar of the Maintenance Department and a waitress in a local restaurant carried on the following conversation the other day.

Waitress—"What do you wish, sir?"

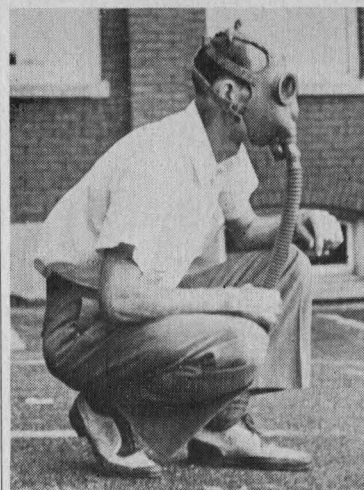
Charlie—"I feel like a sandwich."
Waitress—"Just give me your order, don't blame me if the place is crowded!"

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JAP GAS MASK BOOTY FROM KISKA



Charlie Shindle of the Train Dept., brother-in-law of Richard Bomberger and model Jap gas mask which Dick sent home to his mother, Mrs. Daisy Bomberger.

Richard Bomberger, a member of an anti-aircraft unit of the U. S. Army stationed at Kiska last winter, sent this practically new Jap gas mask home to his mother, Mrs. Daisy Bomberger of the Small Tool Dept. According to Mrs. Bomberger her son is now in California awaiting new orders.

Charlie Shindle modeled the "mask" at the request of a Timely Topics photographer. The rubber hose leading to the mask is normally connected to a canister containing purifying chemicals. As on standard U. S. masks, the intake flutter valve is fitted into the canister itself. The nose bulge contains a secondary intake valve which permits the purified air to enter the wearer's nostrils after passing directly over each lens piece. This feature prevents condensation from forming on the 16th of an inch thick glass lenses. The exhaling passage begins opposite the wearers mouth and ends in the metal cap under the chin. The entire mask except the adjustable head strap buckles, the "y" shaped inhale and exhale throat piece, and the exhale box is constructed out of the highest grade of natural rubber.

PROGRESS

We at Hamilton have come a long way since Pearl Harbor. Production methods and schedules, training and replacement programs, production of new and highly complicated mechanisms—much of which might have been classed as "wishful thinking" three years ago—have been streamlined and expanded to almost miraculous proportions. We have produced precision timepieces—marine chronometers, navigational time and stop watches, etc., which meet rigid government specifications—that were never before made in this country. We have made them sturdier and more accurate than the pre-war handmade European models, and have produced them on a quantity production basis.

If any good can be said to accrue to Hamilton from the war we are now fighting, it can be measured by the valuable lessons in production, learned of necessity, which will eventually affect our peacetime products. We have learned to produce quality in quantity. We have learned how to adjust ourselves and our production quickly to meet any emergency that may arise. Hamilton people can be proud of the job they have done and look forward with confidence to the time when Hamilton will again be producing the finest civilian timepieces in the world.

HOW DO YOU SAY IT?

Library Equipped To Furnish Pronunciation References

How do you pronounce it? Is it RE-search; or is it re-SEARCH? How about "data"; do you say DA-tuh (da like in day) or do you say DAT-uh (which rhymes with batter)? Then how do you pronounce b-r-a-s-s-i-è-r-e? Do you say bra-ZIER; or do you say brabs-i-AIR?

And you Chronometer people, is it GIM-balz or JIM-blz that supports the Chronometer? And you "breakfast clubbers" is it KAW-fi or KOFF-i you drink? How about those nuts on the "sticky" buns, are they PEE-kans or are they pi-KANS?

Why do we ask? No special reason. We were just intrigued with the new "NBC Handbook of Pronunciation" which Hamilton Librarian Irene Pritchard showed us the other day. Confidentially, our faces were a little red on some of our pronunciations . . . that word "re-search," especially. Mrs. Pritchard showed us the Library's collection of dictionaries which includes not only Webster's Unabridged but also several special scientific dictionaries, foreign language dictionaries, and pre-prints of part of a forthcoming illustrated jewelry and horological dictionary. We were surprised and not a little pleased to know the Library was so well equipped.

So, if you want the correct pronunciation of anything from the word "abdomen" (which incidentally isn't AB-do-men) to the word "Zwiebach" including a lot more like "nyiregháza," "mnesic" or "ewigkeit," ask Irene Pritchard to loan you the new handbook.

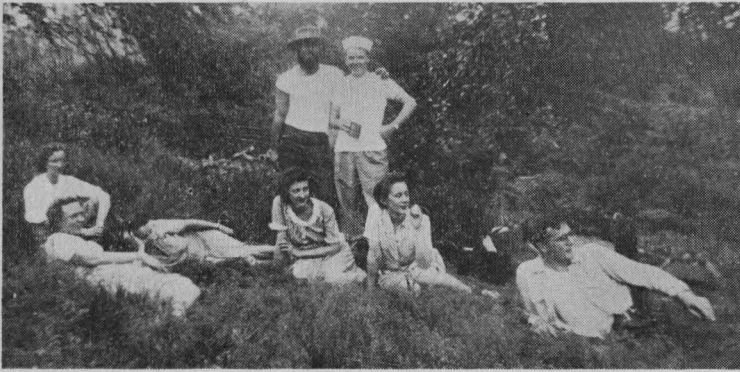
THE POWER OF THE GOOD EARTH



From tiny seeds the mighty body builders grow. But not without care and effort on your part. For example, the verdant young cabbage plants shown above in a Hamilton garden have been watered carefully every other evening. The cabbage yellows are not prevalent because the variety planted was the resistant type. Not a weed is visible . . . constant cultivation is a "must." There is a definite absence of wilting leaves usually caused by shallow cultivation. Cabbage roots spread out, so don't lean too heavily on the hoe handle. Cabbage aphids, worms and loopers have been controlled by constant dusting and spraying with Rotenone. As for the peas growing just beyond the cabbage patch—well, that's a story all by itself. They look d—good, though, don't they?

A diplomat needs the proper bearing and the right kind of oil.

AMIDST THE CONESTOGA UPLANDS



This group of Hamiltonians was one of the first to venture forth at the start of the 1944 picnic season. The site was Art Sinkler's rambling glades, "Sinkys' Acres," located just south of Slackwater along the Conestoga creek. Those who spent a glorious Saturday afternoon studying nature were: standing in above picture left to right—James "Bluebeard" Turton, formerly of the Plate Department; Skip Wise, Specialties Assembly Department. Relaxing left to right in picture—Mrs. William Bennett; Muriel Turton, mother of Jim; Mrs. Arthur Sinkler, the hostess; Mrs. Skip Wise; Elsie Preston, Specialties Assembly; Art Sinkler, the host for the day and foreman of the Specialties Assembly Department. Also present but rambling

somewhere over "Sinkys' Acres" when the picture was taken were: Johnnie "Sock" Weaver, Specialties Assembly Department; Joe Brill, Specialties Assembly Department; John Rill, Service Office; Bill Bennett, head of Watch Research; Ike Trout, Specialties Assembly Department.

Everyone ate heartily and the delicious picnic food disappeared rapidly for the exhilarating woodsy air and the exhausting hike stimulated even lagging appetites. It took a severe late afternoon thunder storm to dampen the group's enthusiasm to the point of leaving. The unanimous opinion of everyone assembled at the point of departure was that "Sinkys' Acres" is a perfect spot in which to relax or picnic.

TIMING AND CASING OUTING



The girls of the Timing and Casing Dept. chronograph assembly line took advantage of some recent perfect weather and held a picnic at Williamson Park, Lancaster's own sylvan paradise. Outdoor fireplaces and ovens maintained and manned by park employees were on hand, as well as tennis courts, baseball diamonds, and woodland trails.

Play suits and athletic garb were the order of the day as is evidenced in the above picture. Every mem-

ber of the group couldn't help but do humble justice to the tempting food when repast hour arrived; for the pungent woodsy aroma proved very stimulating. In the above official picnic picture are: front row, left to right—Hazel Dull, Edna Showers, Ruth Musser, and Charlotte Mylin, back row, left to right—Rose Boyer, Elsie Brocius, Florence Shaub, Ethel Whitaker, Isabel Leonard, Anna Ashby, Gloria Trissler.

MAINTENANCE MEN DOWN 22 LB. HAM

Foulz's Meadow along the Conestoga Creek just southeast of Engle-side played host to the men from the Maintenance Department and their invited guests on June 17. Over fifty Hamiltonians were assembled prior to 12:30 p. m. and serious inroads were already being made into the huge quantities of picnic food. A 22 pound peanut fed Virginia baked ham was the center of attraction. Also helping to sag the table's center board were jars of pickled eggs, red beets, red beet eggs, and potato chips. Various varieties of cold cuts, sweitzer cheese, and limburger cheese also tickled the palates of everyone assembled.

During the afternoon there were many quito pitchers in action and baseball slug fests were also popular. However, card playing far outshone any other activity in popularity. Many taunts and boasts of feats of strength were exchanged among the more athletically inclined. Highlighting this activity was a boast on the part of Earl Dickel who was immediately challenged by the respectful listener, Mose Good. Only the limber legs of "10-second man" Dickel saved him from the tepid depths of the Conestoga Creek.

As dusk descended, pipe, cigar, and cigarette smokers were requested to take it easy and save their matches for the twilight card sessions. As a result many enthusiasts continued playing until the stars twinkled high overhead. This was possible by employing the "dark deal." In fact everyone was in the dark until the official match striker, Dick Palmer toured the table with a flickering cupped match. Dick usually lighted about 5 matches per game or kept on lighting them until the odor of burnt flesh became unbearable. Everyone present had Ed Swarr, the committee chairman, to thank for the splendid job he performed in obtaining the delicious food and the assorted varieties of bottled pop.

CATASTROPHE AVERTED

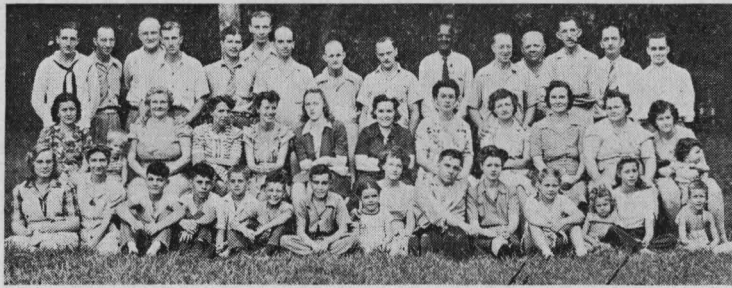


Only the speedy cooperation of our guards and the eagle eyes of contractor D. M. Stoltzfus' men who are re-surfacing our parking lot drive, prevented George Blank's car from becoming a scorched steel skeleton. George, a member of our Small Tool Department, had failed to list his license number with our Guard Force so he didn't learn of the fire until sometime after it was extinguished.

Fortunately, after returning from lunch on July 12 he didn't lock his car. Otherwise such rapid fire extinguishing progress could not have been made. A cigarette was evidently the cause of the blaze which was discovered at 2 p. m. and confined to the rear seat cushions. Our guards used chemical extinguishers to do the job.

Don't forget to list your 1944 license number with the guards, if you haven't already done so. This is a service tendered free of charge to you, so that just such things as a burning cigarette, light, etc., can

FUZE PACKING GROUP AT SAFE HARBOR



The Hydro-Club Picnic Grounds at Safe Harbor, Penna., was the scene of the Fuze Packing Department picnic held on Saturday, July 8. Fifty-one department members and guests attended. Everyone, sometime during the afternoon, participated in several activities which in-

cluded a baseball game, a "three-legged" race, a peanut race, dancing, card games, etc. Prize winners included Dick Benner, Harriet Warfel, Mrs. Frank Connelly, Ralph Greth and Leverne Warfel. Quite a variety of picnic provender tickled the palates of all the Time Fuzers.

B. F. S. VISITS EDEN MEADOW



Those present at the Balance Flat Steel picnic were first row left to right: Charley Kenny, Charlie Dietrick, Jimmy Fisher, Abe Longenderfer, Ted Zwally, "Moze" Mentzer, Dick Heartter, "Murph" Lammer, Blaine Parker, and Ben Gertler. Second row left to right: "Butch" Levering, Ray Bowman, Charley McKelvey, Jim Heidler, Charley Kropletsky, Charley Hickey, Curtiss Glasser, Walter Kreider, and Charley Bradley. Third row left to right: Harry Brubaker, Gerald Schultt, Clayt Witmer, "Bud" Neimer, John Westhaeffer, John West, Bob Kauffman, Louie Ernst, Martin Bard, "Happy" Brown, Charlie Habecker, Dave Miller, Ensign Fritz Martin U.S.N. and Dave Harnish.

The Amish dwelling west of Eden are still mystified as to the meaning of the letters B.F.S. (Balance Flat Steel) which were painted on card signs that were displayed all along the route to the picnic meadow. In fact some of the younger Amish are still wondering where that Big Free Scoop of ice cream can be secured.

All the picnic bound male members of the Balance Flat Steel Dept. were far from mystified and rapidly congregated at the old familiar site, Mose Glick's Meadow. There were many and various forms of amusement and diversion besides just satisfying the desires of the inner man. Quoits, cards, and baseball were standard pastimes. When things

settled down a bit, it took Irv Swarr to enliven things. Irv appeared over a hilltop astride a Holstein cow and deliberately rode into the assembled camp of diligent picnickers. Another highlight was the home run that Jim Heider clouted. To top off the day's activities everyone responded when a home across the Conestoga caught fire. All the "boys" performed yeoman service in carrying furniture out of the house, and in general assisting the Eden Fire Company. It was decided that a glass brigade from the creek to the fire was impractical, but nevertheless the owner showered his unexpected assistants with many thanks.

HAMILTON GIRLS INVADE BROADWAY

Helen Lestz of the Service Department and Genevieve Kepner, formerly of the Spring Room, have realized a "dream come true." A musical dream in fact, for both of the girls accompanied Joan Lee and her all-girl orchestra (well-known local band), to New York City on July 23 where they began a four-weeks engagement at the "Aquarium" which is located between 47th and 48th Streets on Broadway. Joan Lee relies quite heavily on both Helen and Genevieve, since Helen plays the piano in a modern lilted fashion and the latter plays "solid sending" rhythms on her saxophone.

Many a big league ball player is now stealing bases in the Pacific.

SPECIALTIES ASSEMBLY VISIT WILLIAMSON PARK



Specialties Assembly Department's members in a picnicking mood in Williamson's Park recently were: Art Gable, Mary Jane Stewart, Marie Slaugh, Walt and Helen Hessler, Ruth and Ralph Kauffman, George Walters, Hazel Watt, Kitty Watt, "Pete" Watt, (Kitty's son), Geneva Orr, Elwood Rathvon, Barry Rathvon (Elwood's son), Helen Barley, Verna Scott and Margaret Scott.

Answers to DO YOU KNOW?

(Questions on page 4)

1. (b) The change in barometric pressure.
2. The United States Chamber of Commerce estimates that we will have 3,500 ships totaling 20,000,000 gross tons at the end of the war.
3. True.
4. True. (61.9 years of age.)
5. (b) 165%.
6. True.
7. 14 tons.

DIAL PICNIC AT WISE'S PLAYBARN

Twenty-eight male members of the Dial Department assembled on Saturday, June 15, in Wise's playbarn located at the end of Pearl Street for a picnic of the indoor variety. Cards, quoits, food, and melodious music kept the tempo of the affair moving at high pitch far into the evening. Solos by Harry Doerr with background piano music by Ted Hibner echoed and re-echoed from rafter to rafter. The appreciative audience—munching on hot dogs, sauerkraut, cold meats, and limburger cheese—roared with approval.

SOUTH ALONG THE LITTLE CONESTOGA



The Chronometer Assembly Department turned out in a body for their picnic, held back of Maple Grove Park, on an early Saturday in July. Such appetite stimulators as baked ham, cold cuts, potato chips, pretzels, pickled eggs, cold drinks, and watermelons were rapidly assimilated in a rather steady fashion. The watermelons proved to be a popular delicacy and unusual munching techniques were noted. For example in the above picture June St. Clair's dainty method is carefully being noted by Rosena McKinney who is pausing temporarily while separating seeds from pulp. That's Elmer Dussinger trying desperately to heighten the flavor of his melon with a sprinkle of salt. Don't judge the condition of Elmer's dental work by looking at the melon center, for he assured the editorial board that it is not as bad as the picture would indicate. Activities participated in during the day by the 35 who were in attendance included, darts, quoits, badminton, rifle matches, cards, and baseball.

TENNIS COURTS READY FOR PLAY



The new tennis courts were officially opened on July 22 when a doubles match was played. Murray Gould of our Legal Department and Carl Fry, a champion city player, opposes Paul Barber of the Finishing Department and "Ducky" Brunner, another City champion.

All use of the courts will be scheduled through the Personnel Office, to insure their availability to those who can use them. Therefore, if you desire to play a certain day at a certain time, be sure to reserve a court in advance at the Personnel Office.

Singles and doubles tournaments will be held shortly, and all those wishing to enter either tournament classification are urged to turn in their names to the Personnel Office at once, so that a schedule may be arranged.

SOFTBALL HIGHLIGHT

One of the highlights of the youthful softball season occurred during the game on July 11 between the Chronometers, captained by Abe Longenderfer, and the Chronographs, captained by Woody Rathvon.

In the seventh and final inning the Chronometers had filled the bases when clean-up man Abe "Casey" Longenderfer came up to bat. Abe socked the first "apple" for what looked like a potential home run but he failed to reckon with the speed in Frank "Rabbit" Remley's legs. At the crack of the bat, Frank shifted into high speed, reversed and by leaping high in the air managed to pluck Abe's mighty wallop from the air with his bare left hand. It was a magnificent catch to the spectators and members of Frank's team, but just plain "robbery" to the Chronometers who finally trudged from the diamond vanquished 10 to 3.

"PEAS"

The old nursery jingle about "four and twenty black birds baked in a pie" didn't say anything about "when the pie was opened the birds were full of peas"; which just goes to show you that we are now living in an advanced age. Abe Burkhardt, the genial horticulturist supreme of the Service Department, insists that the educated black birds, which overshadow the scene of his endeavors in the "south forty" out Hamiltonville way, occasionally descend from a lofty perch when they feel the need of a good pea diet and, when they have carefully sampled the various offerings, they invariably congregate amongst his choice morsels. These birds, through association, are practicing technicians so instead of taking a pea here and a pea there, as is done by the more common flocks, they make a neat incision at the lower end of the down-hanging pea pod and allow all of the contents thereof to trickle down their throats in an effortless cascade.

Mr. Burkhardt, we understand, is now experimenting with a new variety of synthetic pea. It is a hybrid involving the best qualities of good tender pea and a rubber plant. If the rubber plant can be induced to sub-contract for the pods only then any marauding birds on attempting to open the pod will find that it has a very disconcerting habit of snapping back in his face and being an intelligent bird he will find this most discouraging.

Should the efforts of Burbank's rival, Burkhardt, be successful he will undoubtedly bring international renown to our fair city and all of the big pea men of the world can be expected to enter our fair portals.

MAINTENANCE FISHERMEN VENTURE FORTH

"Chet" Fawber, Martin Griffith, Ed Sheetz, Bob Elmer and Charles Loose of the Balance and Flat Steel Department fished the placid mill pond waters of the Chesapeake fifteen miles from Mispilian Light during a past week-end. Mispilian is the famous fishing port just southwest of Lewes, Delaware, to which tremendous catches are brought by avid fishermen from far and near. Our group helped to maintain the record of the pier by catching a hundred and twenty-four croakers in five hours time. Conditions were ideal, in fact Ed Sheetz stated that the water couldn't possibly have been any smoother. Despite the glassy surface, Bob Elmer elected to remain on terra firma and so missed the excitement that went on far from shore.

GROUNDHOG GUNNERS

The nimble nimrod threesome of Frank Bitzer of the Payroll Department, Dick Bitzer of the Machine Shop and Dick Sweigart of the Machine Shop really gained the good graces of the farmers surrounding the Kirkwood area where they shot 15 groundhogs on the opening day, July 1, of that particular variety of the small game season. This Hamilton sportsman group "killed two birds with one stone," for they fished for bass on the lower reaches of the Susquehanna River in the morning until the heat of the day and lack of sub-surface action drove them in shore.

After packing their duffel and traveling due north into Pennsylvania, several clipped fields of soybeans were noticed . . . a definite sign of groundhog activity. This condition was very widespread just outside Kirkwood, Penna., where they finally stopped. The farmers were very cooperative according to Frank. In fact they even advised where the most groundhog burrows were located. As a result each hunter got five, a day's limit, in four hours time, varying in weight from five to fifteen lbs. Shooting with a small bore rifle was just another everyday occurrence and practically manslaughter for the Bitzer brothers who are both accomplished in the use of a bow and hunting arrows.

Upon returning to the city the majority of the groundhogs were placed in frozen food lockers where they will repose with others still to be shot. The main object in mind is to accumulate enough of the tender vegetarian mammals for an annual outdoor roast.

NEW QUOIT BOXES TO BE CONSTRUCTED

Pitching quoits, ever a popular pastime at Hamilton, has been even more popular than usual this season judging from the condition of the quit boxes and the clay contents therein. At any rate new quit boxes will be built shortly and the special clay used to fill them is now on order.

UNIFORMED VISITORS

The following members of our employee family in the armed services visited Hamilton from June 2 to July 15, 1944.

Pvt. Gilbert Warner
Sgt. Charles Dexter
Sp. (1) 3/c Anna Doll
S 2/c Ralph Shoemaker
A/S Walter Levering
Pvt. Gabriel Russell
S 2/c Robert Fralich
A/S Robert E. Sides
A/S John Landis
Pvt. Walter Mellinger
S 2/c Benjamin Jones, Jr.
A/S Vernon Hilt
F/O Donald Newcomer
A/S Geoffrey Taylor
S/Sgt. George Breniser
ASV William Klevans
Cpl. Andrew Musser
Pvt. Stuart Schnader
N/C Edward Ursprung
P. O. 2/C Donald Kochel
A/S Henry Eisenberger
Y 2/C William Portner
A/S Warren Harnish
T/Sgt. Raymond Eager
RDM 2/C Abram Miller
S 2/C Robert C. Smith
S 1/C Hilda Spiess
Pvt. Granville Smythe

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CAFETERIA STAFF ENJOYS OWN COOKING

Our cafeteria staff held a picnic Saturday afternoon, August 15, at Lancaster's "Coney Island," Rocky Springs Park. Various games and contests were participated in by the group and prizes were awarded to the winners. At six o'clock a delicious supper (prepared and served in a professional fashion) was enjoyed by all. Those present were: Iola Shily, Mary Dombach, Flossie Gadd, Maude McCoy, Theresa Bachman, Ella Long, Blanche Fisher, Sophia Murray, Laura Sebelist, Margaret Houston, Helene McKelly, Carrie Trimble, Lorraine Jacoby, Claire Reichard, Mary Howett, Viola Proctor, Elizabeth Mentzer, Kathryn Marantz, Elva Hilton, Pauline Benner, Arthur McCormick, Ezra Buckwalter, Harry Miller, Paul Rodgers, John Leaman.

KEEP YOUR VICTORY GARDEN GROWING

Every man and woman in the armed forces—ten million of them—eat 5¼ lbs. of food every day. Every one of them—ten million, don't forget—must have a ninety-day reserve of food.

No doubt about it—military, foreign and civilian demands for food have "snowballed" and they are getting bigger by the minute. The industrious farmers of our country will again do their share and more. However, they can't begin to do the whole job alone. Your Victory Garden will ease this pressure. Our government asks us that we keep up the good work and take pride in the fact that our Army is the best fed in the world—due in part, at least, to Victory Gardens.

Don't forget also that our Victory Gardens do far more than supply food. Food grown in a Victory Garden does not require vital transportation or labor in packing. It eases the pressure on strategic materials needed for war purposes. Then, too, it utilizes land and manpower that otherwise might go to waste. Our gardening zeal also eases the pressure on rationed foods and makes the job of supplying our armed forces and allies much simpler.

Best of all, the food that is grown on the backyard plot is the world's best food! Fresh vegetables, ripe from the garden, are rich in vitamins and minerals so badly needed now, and besides they are mighty tasty, too. The green, leafy vegetables, the yellow vegetables and the tomatoes grown in the family garden are ornaments to any table—and your family will thrive on them. And they are all yours, what's more. You bought 'em with your honest sweat, toil and sore muscles. They are just as important in this war as any ordinance that comes down the assembly line. Furthermore, they are important solid proof that another good citizen has stepped up to the bat in the pinch and blasted the ball right over the fence.

Remember, when the seeds are planted that is only the beginning. It's the food on the table you want. See your Victory Garden through!

MEN'S LEAGUE Softball Standing

	W.	L.	Pct.
Chronometer	3	1	.750
Map Measure	2	2	.500
Chronograph	2	2	.500
Time Fuze	1	3	.250

WOMEN'S LEAGUE Softball Standing

	W.	L.	Pct.
Friction Jeweling	1	0	1.000
Timing and Casing	1	1	.500
Train	0	1	.000
Fuze Assembly	0	0	.000

ARCHERY POPULAR



Miss Louise Smith of the Purchasing Department retrieves several well placed arrows from one of our regulation size targets.

According to Ken Weeks, our activities director, more than fifty Hamilton employees are becoming enthusiastic archers and accordingly spend considerable time on our archery range which is located just north of the new tennis courts. Fans can be found "twanging away" every evening, Saturday and Sunday evenings included.

Among the most ardent archers are Ken Swartz, Maintenance; Eddie Joline, Carpenter Shop; Gladys Joline, Service Office; Irene Peters, Case Office; and Chris Herr, Fuze Manufacturing.

New converts to the sport appear almost daily. The latest one "bitten by the archery bug" is Jim Downing of the Escape Department, who last week marched into the Personnel Office and requested Ken Weeks to order him a bow, arrows, and various other items of equipment.

CLASSIFIED ADS

For Sale

FOR SALE—(1) 5 tube Crosley table model radio. Tone selector. Illuminated dial. Domestic and police call bands. In working condition. For A.C. Current only. Write to Box 22, "Timely Topics," c/o Advertising Department.

FOR SALE—(1) 18" (Lawn-Boy) power lawn mower. In good running order. Single cylinder air-cooled, 2 cycle gasoline engine. Rope starter. Unexcelled maneuverability for small lawn. Write to Box 23, "Timely Topics," c/o Advertising Department.

FOR SALE—Tract of land (2½ acres) 200 ft. front on hard road and 550 ft. depth with high elevation. Electricity and telephone available. Approximately 500 pine trees, 40 fruit trees, several shade trees. Located on Schoolhouse Road, midway between Bausman School and Lincoln Highway at Maple Grove, a mile and a half from the Hamilton Watch Company. Price is reasonable. Write to Box 25, "Timely Topics," c/o Advertising Department.

For Exchange

WILL EXCHANGE—100 12 gauge 7½ chilled shotgun shells for like quantity of 16 gauge shells. No. 6 shot preferred. No drop shot wanted. Write to Box 24, "Timely Topics," c/o Advertising Department.

Wanted

WANTED—Single barrel single shot 20 gauge shotgun. Write to Box 26, "Timely Topics," c/o Advertising Department.

WANTED TO RENT—Unfurnished living quarters. Commuting distance from factory. Approximately 7 rooms. House preferred. Write to M. N. Rivenburg, Engineering Records, or Box 27, "Timely Topics," c/o Advertising Department.

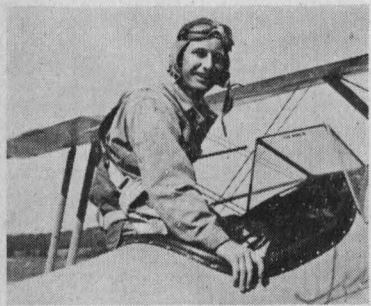
HONOR ROLL

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The following members of the Hamilton family have left to join their Comrades in uniform since the last names were added to our Honor Roll:

Robert Dorsey—Fuze Packing.
Helen Heistand—Model.
Thurlow Barley—Jewel Finish.
Sam Binstock—Special. Assem.
Earl Eshleman—Small Tool.
Chester Cramer—
Chem. & Met. Res.
Francis Goodrich—Machine Shop.
Rose Mentzer—Bal. & Fl. St.
L. Richard Batzler—Office Mgt.



PRE-FLIGHT STUDENT

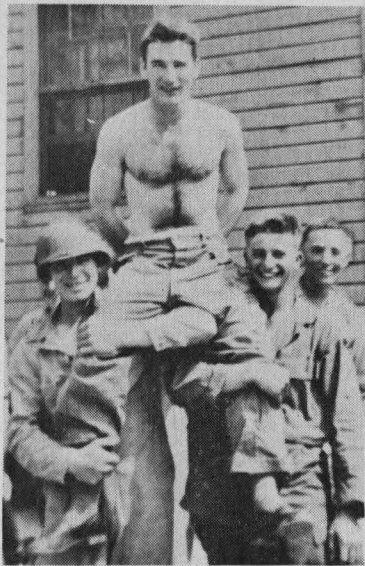
R. W. Patterson formerly a member of our Advertising Department, just completed his intermediate flight-training at Schreiner Institute, Kerrville, Texas. Pat visited his many friends here while on furlough prior to departing to a pre-flight school at Athens, Georgia. Pat amassed over 110 hours in the air. Most of them spent in an N3N3 like the one pictured above which is affectionately named the Yellow Peril. After the sixteen weeks course is up in Georgia he will be sent to a field where advanced acrobatics are taught.



CHARLES HESS NOW A SERGEANT

Charles M. Hess formerly of the Flat Steel Department paid his friends here at Hamilton a visit after having been stationed for some time in Yuma, Arizona. Charlie was recently promoted to the rank of Sergeant and is now on his way to an undisclosed destination.

Planes span the continent in six hours. You have to stand in line that long to buy a train ticket to the next town.



"JIMMIE" KING Staff Sergeant

Jimmie King, a former plant lay-out man, was home on furlough for the July 8 week-end. Jimmie has been located at Camp Pickett, Virginia for some time. His wife, who has been living in a nearby Virginia town, returned with Jimmie and will again enter the employ of Hamilton while her husband attends an Officer's Candidate School in Georgia. There Jimmie will receive five months schooling and three months practical training.

The above picture indicates that our former plant lay-out man was the pride and joy of his company. Jimmie should win his bar at the end of his O.C.S. training with flying colors, if the picture is any indication of his popularity.



Official U. S. Navy Photograph

WINSOME WAVE

Y 3/c Irene White, formerly of our Service Office, on duty at the U. S. Naval Air Station, Atlantic City, N. J., flashes her famous smile as she greets a newly-commissioned Ensign reporting for flight training. Irene, who recently graduated from the Yeoman School in Stillwater, Okla., is serving in the Personnel Office at Atlantic City's mammoth Naval Air Station.

SERVICE NOTES

Word has been received that Joe Bredbenner, formerly of the Flat Steel Department, is now in Cherbourg, France, with a reconnaissance squadron. Joe was one of the first Yanks to go ashore.

Marion Hess, a former tumbler operator in the Flat Steel Department, recently joined the WAC and is now stationed at Camp Oglethorpe, Georgia.

Geoffrey J. Taylor completed the second lap of his course to become an ensign in the Navy. He is now studying at Mount St. Mary's at Emmetsburg, Md., and recently paid a visit to all of his friends here.

Robert Fralich, formerly of Flat

Steel Department, finished his boot training at Boston and dropped in to say hello on his way to Virginia prior to embarking on a shake down cruise.

Another recent Flat Steel Department visitor was Paul Meckley who stopped by to say hello before he sailed for an unknown destination.

Pvt. Stuart Schnader paid a visit to the Escape Department on July 5.

Miss Henrietta Bechtold, formerly of the Balance Staff Department, and daughter of Henry S. Bechtold of West Willow, has enlisted in the WAC and expects to report for duty in the near future.

Esther Ward of the Material Sales Department spent the week of June 5 with her husband, Cpl. George L. Ward, who is stationed at Greensboro, N. C.

Squadron Gunnery Officer, Lt. F. S. Franklin, U.S.N.R., who traveled the Middle Atlantic states for our Sales Department, prior to the war, is located somewhere on our Pacific Coast awaiting sea duty.

The Sales Department's salesman who traveled the Southeastern states before the war, Private Chas. E. Perry, is now an "M. P." at Fort McPherson, Ga. Charlie has been assigned the job of guarding the prison ward in the Fort's hospital.

SEND IN YOUR NEW ADDRESS

Each month Timely Topics is mailed to all Hamilton employees in the Armed Forces for whom complete military addresses are available. Recently, however, copies have been returned because the person addressed has moved to another location and has overlooked sending in the new address. Hamiltonians on the fighting front who receive the paper irregularly, late, or not at all, can remedy the matter by sending their new address promptly to Ken Weeks in the Personnel Office.

To The Folks Back Home

Here are several letters that President Kendig received in reply to his letter of April 24 addressed to all Hamilton Service Men and Women.

This one is from A. H. Greer, formerly of the Timing and Casing Department now among the natives of New Guinea.

"I was deeply and most sincerely touched when I received your letter of April 19. In receiving such a letter one feels a satisfaction that all of us are still a part of the Hamilton family.

"I can well assure you that we formerly of Hamilton shall always uphold the supreme quality and workmanship that the company is noted for.

"After the war I most energetically intend to be back in the watch profession one way or another. And now with moments of tick-tock thoughts I respectfully remain."

A letter from Paul R. Miller, formerly of the Automatic Department now "somewhere in England."

"I certainly was surprised to hear from my former employer and deeply appreciate the remembrance. According to the newspapers and your letter Hamilton is doing her best. They can do it and will I am sure, for without your help plus many other manufacturers the boys

out their duties. Also I want to thank you ever so much for sending me a copy of "Timely Topics." It is very much appreciated.

"To me England is a beautiful country. I have seen some of the bombed parts and what they had to go through. It is unbelievable but true for I have seen it. Yet the people's morale is very high. Back home we thought the rationing was tough and wages were low and did a lot of complaining. If some of the Americans could see how well the English people get along on what rations and little money they get, I am almost certain they would stop this complaining on the home front. That is one thing that hurts the American soldiers very deeply, here abroad.

"Keep up the good work on the home front for the boys on the fighting front."

This letter was recently written by Cpl. C. L. Fisher, formerly of the Automatic Department and now located somewhere in the South Pacific area.

"I want to thank you for the wonderful letter I received today. It brought back pleasant memories of the time I worked at Hamilton, and the people I know there.

"The boys over here are proud of the people like yourself and the many others in the United States that are working at other defense plants. You are working long hours a day and doing your best at all times because you know you are making things that will give us a better chance to live and win this war.

"We know that the real heroes of this war are the boys that are now dead. They gave all they had to make this world a better place to live in. They stood their ground and slugged it out with the enemy, because they knew as soon as this war is over we can return to the ones we love and live as free Americans. We want that day to be soon, as it means so much to all of us. Our only regret is that all of us won't be there to enjoy those comforts.

"Tell all of the gang I said Hello."

E. W. Drennen, Jr., formerly of the Damaskeneering Department wrote this letter while on board a cruiser of the United States Pacific Fleet.

"I received your letter of the 19th and I really must confess that it made me actually feel funny deep down inside of me to know that you and your employees of the Hamilton Watch are thinking of us boys overseas.

"In your letter you made the statement that the current war job is the big event we're all thinking about, but the many extra hours that are spent planning for the future is what clings to my mind. I am sure that I am correct in saying that after this war production and designing is going to be progressing very rapidly. I am looking forward to the day I can contribute my share to make it the best watch on the market.

"You would be surprised at the number of men I talked into buying a Hamilton after the war. Every time the discussion of watches arises, you can bet Hamilton is on top.

"You will find that this is not a very long letter. I wanted to let you know how much I appreciated hearing from you and how the Hamilton is progressing during time of war. I am sure that the Army and Navy 'E' you so proudly earned will long be remembered."

The following is a letter from Boleslaw A. Lada, formerly of the Balance Staff Department now somewhere in the South Pacific area.

"Thank you for your kind and interesting letter. It was indeed an honor to receive a letter from a man of your standing.

"I've been receiving the 'Timely

Topics' from which I derived news of and about the factory. My sincere thanks to those who make up the paper. May they continue to publish it, because it means a lot to us fellows about to read, and reading, every issue.

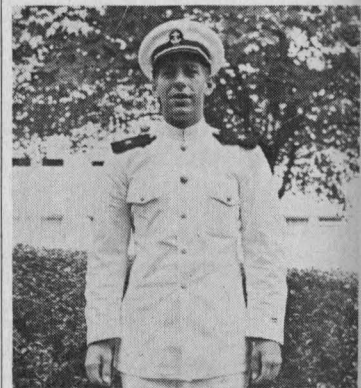
"Thank you again for your letter."



SEABEE

Another recent visitor here was Galen McCauley, formerly of the Dial Dept., who flew home on leave from California last month. Most of us had not seen Galen since he joined the Navy two and one-half years ago, so he was a sight for sore eyes.

During the two and one-half year period our former Dial Dept. member did considerable traveling around from location to location. He received his four months of Seabee basic training at Camp Peary, Virginia. From there he was transferred to Camp Endicott, R. I., where he was trained for six weeks in advanced construction work. Camp Holliday, Gulfport, Miss., was his next destination. There he remained a little longer—six months to be exact. Galen was on leave from Port Hueneme, California, where he was transferred after saying goodbye to Camp Holliday. Port Hueneme, according to Galen, supplies and was to continue to supply last minute brush-ups on past instructions prior to departure for unknown destinations.



ENSIGN IN NAVAL AIR CORPS

Ensign Edward Henry Ursprung, formerly of the Small Tool Department and now a member of the Naval Air Corps, spent a brief visit with many of his friends here while on leave early this month. Ed began his basic training on February 4, 1943, and upon graduation in May of the same year entered the University of Pennsylvania's U. S. Naval Pre-Flight School. August of 1943, saw Ed actually flying while attending a Westminster College's Air School. Upon completion of the Westminster course, a brisk physical training program at Chapel Hill, North Carolina, prepared him for the rigors of primary flight training at Olathe, Kansas. Ed came through with flying colors, having graduated as an Ensign and is now ready for anything that a Corpus Christi, Texas, base has to offer.